

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: John T. KAIM  
Serial No.: not yet known  
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For: DEVICE FOR SECURING PAPERS, SHEETS OF MATERIAL,  
CLOTH, ETC.

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**PETITION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)**


Sir:

Applicant, through the undersigned attorney, hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to make special the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.102(c) based upon the age of Applicant. Applicant is 71 years old at the time of filing of the above-identified application.

No fee is believed to be required for this petition. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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